

d) REMARKS

The present application is a division of parent Application No. 09/657,616. Claims 5, 6 and 23-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented herein. The subject matter of non-elected claims 1-22 of Application No. 09/657,616 are presented. Claims 1 and 19 were amended to be consistent with the amendments made to the corresponding product claims in the parent case.

An early and favorable consideration on the merits is expressly requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are of record in parent Application No. 09/657,616. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed but may be found in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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